GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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APPROACH FOR CRITICAL DATA FROM JAGUAR MANUFACTURERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to old and outdated technology of MiG-21 and Jaguar aircraft, the cases of air crashes are on the increase for the last three years;

(b) if so, whether the manufacturers of these aircraft have not provided design data to the Indian manufacturers;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Indian Air Force has approached the British Aerospace, the manufacturers of the Jaguar aircraft, to seek critical data that may help understand the reasons behind the November 5 crash near Ambala;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and?

(f) the time by which the said critical data is likely to be received from the British Aerospace and processed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) to (f): No, Sir. However, Indian Air Force (IAF) has approached the Royal Air Force and British Aerospace for some information on similar aircraft accidents, which might have happened in United Kingdom to help the Court of Inquiry investigating into the Jaguar accident that occurred on 5th November, 2002.